

NO OBSTACLE TO LUSITANA WORK SEEN BY CRISTY

Gilman Reiterates Terms of His Offer Quite Fair; "No Good to City," Says Attorney

Lusitana street improvement will proceed without interference, A. M. Cristy, first deputy city attorney, declared today.

"I can see no legal or other obstacles in the way of the city, despite numerous declarations to the contrary," he said. "The territory is bound by an agreement to pay its share of the cost, some \$17,000, and as long as the city bears the additional burden of about \$1500 made necessary by the difference between the engineer's estimate and the bid on the work, there is no one who can object."

He added that the agreement to pay the difference between the estimate and the bid from the permanent improvement fund is perfectly legal, inasmuch as Lusitana street has been declared a main thoroughfare.

City Engineer George M. Collins backed up Cristy's statement with another declaration that his office is going ahead with preparations for the improvement work.

What Is Felt About?

"I don't see what all this fuss is about," J. A. Gilman made an offer to the board to put down warrentite for less money than the successful concrete bidder's contract will call for. It is true, but suppose another contractor had come in and offered to lay asphalt macadam for \$20,000—would that be a bid? Would it be fair to the successful bidder?"

Collins and Cristy both deny that they informed Gilman that it was useless for him to bid under the concrete specifications unless he could come under the engineer's estimate, as alleged by Gilman in a statement made to the Star-Bulletin this morning.

"Gilman's statements are misleading and apt to cause trouble," declared Cristy.

Of No Use to City.

"His offer to lay warrentite for less than the bid for concrete is of no more use to the city than if F. H. Ritchie, who bid \$41,000 on the job, had come in with an offer to do it for \$30,000. Why ask for closed bids if offers made after their opening can be accepted?"

Mr. Gilman gave a lengthy statement to the Star-Bulletin this morning going into his bids on the Lusitana improvements and the discussion they have evoked. It follows:

"So far as I am concerned, the facts relating to the Lusitana parking contract is a simple proposition.

"The original proposition submitted to the Board of Supervisors was to pave Lusitana street with warrentite pavement.

"At the public hearing it was decided that the cost for warrentite was too high, and they could not afford to pay the price.

"Afterwards it was deemed advisable by the Board of Supervisors to substitute a concrete road in place of warrentite. The engineer's estimate for the cost of improving Lusitana street was \$34,847.50.

"It was my intention to bid on this work, but after carefully going over my figures I found that it was impossible to build the road under the plans and specifications submitted for the above price. I was informed by the city and county engineer that this bids would have to come within the engineer's estimate.

"Inasmuch as I knew that the road could not be built for less than \$36,000 I did not submit a bid for this work.

"When the bids were opened and I found that the lowest bid was more than \$36,000 or approximately \$1500 above the estimate, I decided to make a written offer to lay a warrentite pavement, including the additional work as called for in the bids for concrete for \$34,800. I can't see why I should be criticized for making this offer in the face of the fact that warrentite was originally rejected on account of excessive cost. Referring to the criticism that my offer, in writing, was not binding, I can only say that all of the work done by me originated by letter similar to the one submitted to the board for paving Lusitana street.

"I was fully aware that before the contract could be awarded public bids would have to be called for, and in accordance with my letter, I was prepared and am now ready to enter into a contract for doing the above work for paving Lusitana street with warrentite for \$34,800.

"Regarding the specifications under which this work was to be performed, I will say that Lusitana street was carefully inspected by Mr. C. O. Warren and Mr. Bowtie, both gentlemen being representatives of Warren Brothers Company. It was decided that in the line of economy and good practice there was a large part of the present road surface which could be used to advantage for a foundation on which a warrentite surface could be laid.

"This method of construction has been found satisfactory in a great

DAVID C. PETERS PREDICTS 'DRY' HAWAII IN 1920

Tells Anti-Saloon League That Day of Saloonless America is Also Very Near

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roduced in the U. S. senate by Senators Morris Shepherd and Jacob H. Gallinger, and in the house by representatives Edwin Y. Webb and Addison T. Smith, which provides for the adoption of an amendment to the constitution prohibiting the manufacture, sale or transportation of liquor in the United States.

It was pointed out that not only have more than 2500 residents of the territory signed petitions asking the legislators for prohibition here, but that hundreds of personal letters, making the same plea, are now being sent to members of Congress.

A. F. Cooke made Treasurer. With one exception, the 1915 officers of the League were reelected to serve during the coming year. C. H. Dickey, treasurer, announced his intention to leave the islands, and A. F. Cooke was elected in his stead. The officers are as follows:

David Cary Peters, president; W. D. Westervelt, first vice-president; Mrs. I. M. Whitney, second vice-president; Miss Florence Yarrow, third vice-president; Rev. C. Nakamura, fourth vice-president; A. F. Cooke, treasurer; W. W. Pate, secretary; Dr. J. W. Wadman, superintendent.

A vote of thanks was rendered the newspapers of Honolulu for assistance rendered the league in 1915. Reports were made by the committees on resolutions and nominations. Mrs. J. M. Whitney gave an interesting talk on prohibition work in Hawaii before the formation of the league.

About 30 delegates attended the meeting. At 7:30 o'clock this evening a temperance address will be delivered in the Christian church, Kewalo street, by Rev. L. L. Laobouron, pastor of the Methodist church, to which the delegates and others interested are invited.

BRIEF BITS ON MEN, PLANS AND EVENTS AT HONOLULU'S "Y"

Prof. W. A. Bryan of the College of Hawaii will lecture at the Young Men's Christian Association this evening on the geological history of Oahu. Taking as his subject, "Have the Islands Sunk?" Prof. Bryan will give a popular discussion illustrated with charts and pictures. The lecture will be held in Cooke hall at 8 o'clock.

COPARTNERSHIP PROBE BEGUN IN REAL ESTATE

An investigation of copartnerships which have not responded to his warning that they would be prosecuted unless reports be made on their changes since the last report, was begun today by J. J. McCarthy, territorial treasurer. Clerk of his office are examining those who have not made their report with a view to ascertaining whether they are still in existence. Many of the firms have gone out of business since the records in his office were compiled, is McCarthy's belief. Those discovered to be still in existence, who have not reported, will be prosecuted, he says.

number of places, and eliminates the necessity of tearing out good foundation simply to be replaced by new rock, which in no way would improve or benefit the proposed work.

"I fall to see where there is any chance for dispute, criticism or what is called a 'row' in the paving business. I simply made an offer to pave Lusitana street with warrentite at a price within the estimate submitted by the engineer. If the city and county and the superintendent of public works want to avail themselves of my offer, it is their privilege to do so. If they don't they can simply proceed with laying a concrete pavement.

"Yours truly,

(Signed) J. A. GILMAN."

All Bids Compared. Comparison of the bids on the several improvements on the street with the engineer's estimate is made in a table compiled by Engineer Collins. It shows where the increase over his estimate comes in on the storm sewer system. The storm sewer plans were changed after his estimate was made, but to change the estimate would have meant a delay of several months in the work and it was let run. Although it means an outlay of \$1500 by the city it saves several months' time, with the consequent risk of increase in the price of materials. Part of this \$1500 may revert to the city if the work is done under the estimated time.

City officials today cited the figures of the bids to show that the bidding contractors were almost always under the engineer's estimate except upon the new feature of the work, the storm sewers, added after the project was first worked out. The figures were as follows:

Preliminary Engineer's Report	Lord-Young	Spalding Construction Co.	F. R. Ritchie Company
Grading	\$2,223.50	\$2,978.80	\$2,472.00
New curbing	\$40.00	\$41.70	\$83.00
Resurfacing curbing	\$11.00	\$17.60	\$4.00
Storm Sewers	\$600.00	\$2,952.75	\$3,653.00
Pavement	\$30,073.00	\$29,818.15	\$29,874.00
	\$34,847.50	\$36,365.00	\$36,578.00

Kalakaua May Wait. Kalakaua avenue paving will probably be held up until the road committee decides whether or not it wishes to install a system of sub-drainage as desired by Charles R. Forbes, superintendent of public works. Forbes de-

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS ON SUGAR RESULTS IN FIGHT AGAINST PLAN

Keating of Colorado Denounces Repeal as Repudiation of Party Doctrine, But Vote is 84 to 20 for Administration Measure

That the Democratic caucus on the repeal of the "free-sugar" clause in the present tariff law resulted in a lively fight is told in Washington correspondence. The Star-Bulletin's Washington correspondent writes under date of February 24:

"The repeal of the free sugar clause in the Underwood-Simmons tariff act became positively assured when the house Democrats in caucus determined to make this feature a party measure. Some opposition developed to the proposition, but only to the extent that 10 Democrats refused to abide by the conclusions of their colleagues. This number was much less than had been anticipated by the leaders.

"Almost any degree of antagonism among the dissatisfied Democrats will be offset by the solid Republican support of the repeal bill. It comes exactly in line with the good old doctrine of protection and the Republicans will jump at the chance to get any legislation in that direction. Instead of fighting the repeal the Republicans, assisted by many Democrats, will insist on going farther and restoring the Payne-Aldrich law duties. This movement is not expected to prevail, but indicates the certainty of stopping the free list provision.

"The Democratic caucus approved the plan to repeal the free sugar clause by a vote of 84 to 20. This was accomplished after a spirited fight against the plan. This was led by Representative Keating of Colorado, who denounced the action as a repudiation of party doctrine. Ten Democrats declined, because of other pledges or conviction, to be bound by the caucus decision.

"Democratic leaders are preparing to carry out the caucus action through a bill prepared by Majority Leader Kitchin, which will be one way of meeting the expense of national de-

fense. Other ways suggested are through the income tax and an excise tax on special articles and war munitions.

"While the caucus was in progress Representative Keating, one of the ten Democrats who refused to stand by the caucus action held up the Democratic campaign book to his fellow Democrats, declaring that the repeal of the sugar clause would be a repeal of all the principles the party had fought for.

"The campaign book crowded more over the free sugar victory than over anything else," said Mr. Keating.

"Isn't it a fact that the book devotes more pages to crowing over free sugar than over any other single subject?" asked Representative Calloway of Texas, another of the ten Democrats who made pledges to their constituents which will prevent them from voting with Representative Kitchin. Mr. Keating replied in the affirmative.

"Many of the Democrats fired questions at Leader Kitchin in an endeavor to find out just what would be the ways and means committee program for the raising of revenue to meet the defense bills. In effect, he said, that the largest amount would be raised by changes in the income tax and that the committee is to consider taxes on motion picture films, gasoline, automobile horsepower, automobile tires and graphophone records.

"The Democrats who gave formal notice that they absolved themselves from being bound by the caucus were Representatives Almon, Alabama; Bailey, Pennsylvania; Callaway, Texas; Hillard and Keating, Colorado; Howard, Georgia; Johnson, Kentucky; Taveener, Illinois; Thompson, Oklahoma, and Van Dyke, Minnesota."

KILLED IN ACTION.

(A Poem from the Front sent to Honolulu from "Somewhere in France.")

Where the bones of his comrades whiten, and their stenching bodies lie,
He fell behind the sandbags down in the trench to die;
Shell-shattered, a worn-out soldier, who had waited day by day
His pass from the ancient Captain to the rest camp far away.
With a shriek on his boyish lips, and his rifle in his hands,
He goes on the lone night march out to the peaceful lands.

See how he lies with his face upturned to the weeping skies;
To the grim unsated gods of war another sacrifice.
His face is bright with the light of youth; he lies blood-smeared, forlorn.
Like a blossom sweet by the summer gale from the wind-swept hedges torn.
God! can it be that a nation proud can speak of victory
When they lay the price, the awful price, in the blood of such as he?

He lies all alone and the peaceful hearth at the battle call,
He lies in his shining uniform—here in the mud to fall!
And the tears were wet on his sweetheart's cheek as she watched him
March away.

And his mother wept, as she prayed for him in the way that mothers pray.
But the sweet-faced girl, and the mother old, long shall they wait in vain.
For their soldier boy, who went to the war, shall never return again!

So we'll bury him, boys, this lonely night in the mooning, sad moonshine.
When the guns have ceased their day-long dirge of death at the firing line;
And we know that the blood of a murdered man shall wall from his gory tomb.

Accusingly, to the warring ones, who fooled him to his doom,
With the blood of his countless comrades, cold in the clay who lie,
And we'll wait our turn of the morrow, here in the trench to die!

PRIVATE R. J. ROBB,
Canadian Expeditionary Force.

FILIPINO CIGAR TRADE WITH U. S. INCREASES FAST

By Associated Press. MANILA, Feb. 7.—The cigar trade between the Philippines and the United States is growing rapidly. A comparative statement issued by the collector of internal revenue for the periods of January to November, 1914 and 1915, shows an increase in exports to American consumers of 5,008,499 cigars. During these months of 1914 the total shipments amounted to 47,972,950 and in 1915 to 52,980,449.

February was the month of largest increase when 9,120,487 cigars were shipped, as against 4,987,703 in 1914. January and March showed small advances. July and September increased about a million each. August two million while October fell off over 3,500,000.

AUSTRIAN WOMEN NOW TOILING TEAMSTERS

VIENNA, Austria.—Not a week passes in Austria without women appearing in some new occupation. Women teamsters are now to be seen on the streets, often performing laborious work. The big dairies are employing them to deliver milk to the retail branches, and they are also driving ice wagons. A chocolate factory is sending out neatly uniformed women wagon drivers. Business motor wagons are being driven by women chauffeurs.

In the big petroleum works women are doing all kinds of work, filling cans, loading them on the wagons, and then going with the drivers and delivering the cans at houses, and collecting the bills.

MAKING COLLECTION OF ALL WAR POETRY

KIEL, Germany.—The University of Kiel has begun the collection of all the poetry of the war which has more than mediocre merit. Requests have gone out to all poets of reputation, to all newspapers, magazines and publishers to forward to the university

RANGE PRACTISE FOR SHAFTER TO START IN APRIL

Preparation for target practise, which begins this year on April 1, when the 2nd Battalion, under the command of Maj. Michael J. Lenth, 2nd Infantry, enters upon the rifle range for six weeks' work, will be the main work of companies at Fort Shafter.

The 2nd Battalion will be followed the middle of May by the 3rd Battalion, under Maj. William Weigel, 2nd Infantry, and this group in turn by the 1st Battalion toward the end of June, which will take up practise for a six weeks' period, under Maj. William R. Dashiell, 2nd Infantry.

While six weeks is allowed each battalion this year, only half this time was allowed on the range in 1915. The last several weeks have been devoted to gallery, practise and some high scores are anticipated in the coming event. The range is now being put in good shape. Various plans of interesting the men are being tried by the majors, such as posting individual scores, having battalion competition and offering cash prizes for high-class work.

INTAKE DITCH FAULT OF FLOOD IN MAKIKI?

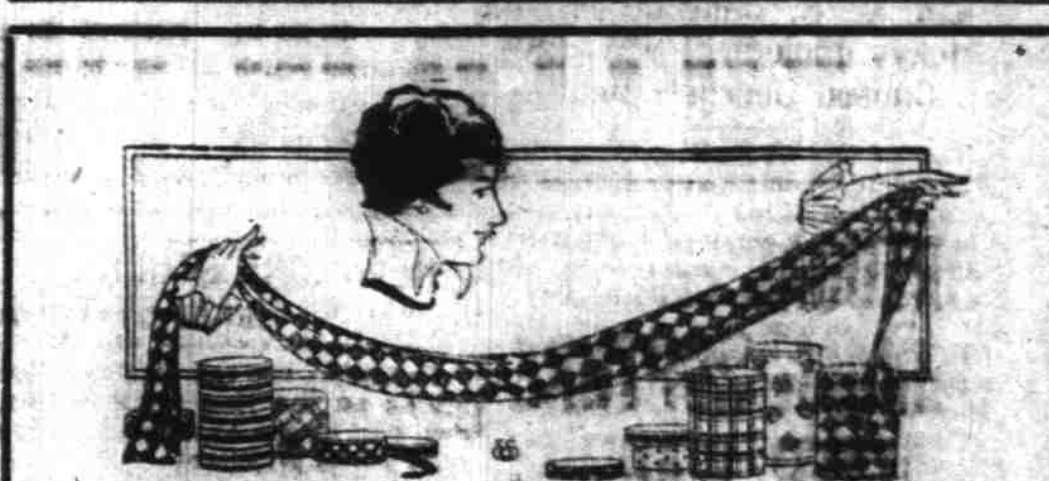
At the last meeting of the board of supervisors Engineer Collins stated that it was not the newly repaired Makiki dike which overflowed and flooded the lands below. In the recent storm, but the intake ditch.

E. J. Lord, who was present, confirmed the statement, saying that the flood was the result of faulty plans of the work made by the territorial government before the county regime.

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